GERMANY STRIKING AT BELGIUM'S SOUL, SAYS CAMMAERTS

Poet Fears That the Enslaving of His Countrymen by the Germans May Be the Last Straw Which Will Break the Belgian Spirit

TO MY COUNTRY IN BONDAGE.

By EMILE CAMMAERTS.

towards me

Patiently Thy bruised hands?

Oh, the merry tinkling sounds, Every morning, Of the milk carts on their rounds, Of the milk carts on their rounds,
And the yelping of the dogs,
And, on the golden straw.
As they jolt the road along,
The big fat cams of copper bright,
With belly full, head on one side,
Dancing their old tipsy song
Beneath the summer sun!

How long, oh, how long, Proud sister mine, Shall their iron heels, their bloody fists, Tear and crush thy heart?

Oh, the cheerful, happy crowd, Oh, the cheerful, happy crown,
Every evening,
On the pavement, round the tables, laughing loud,
And the brown beer frothing,
The glasses overflowing,
And the long pipes of clay
Whose curling smoke we watch,
Soul at peace and spirit gay! -From "New Belgian Poems." English translation by Tita Brand-Cam-certs, wife of the poet. Published by John Lane Company.

HOW long, oh, how long.

Beloved friend,
Wilt thou stretch out Shalt thou endure their bitter

Oh, the long, long walks on Sundays, Across the open fields, By the white roads, beneath the

The cottages with shutters green,
The perfume of the heather
Like the honey of the bees,
The children playing in the dust,
The lovers close together.
With dry throats and eyes un-Walking slowly, 'neath bright

How long, oh, how long, My own country, Wilt thou stretch out toward me Patiently .
Thy bruised hands?

By EDWARD MARSHALL

gian poet, sat talking to me in saly against a table. He looked a time. That had been a glorious eyes more sorrowful than his.

We were discussing the recent dein Germany-work which will be of fatal.

cities, than the slaughter of her fighting men, than even the terrible abuse martyred countrymen, and by it forti-

seded it were but attacks upon the the human spirit. bedies of my country men and women. This is an attack upon their souls. regarded as the final blow.

equiation has been able to react conquering Germans. One reaction which she never has been doubtful. was the campaign of the Belgian army. That was the direct reaction against

defeat had been glorious, not such a to obedience, nay, to subservience.

mockery

And that supreme offence:
Their condescension?

trees, And, in the willows' shadow, the waters dark, Ruffled by the breeze,

skies, A blade of grass between their teeth!

ing odds. Always it was in the pa-MILE CAMMAERTS, the Bel- triotic Belgian heart that the nation's small army had kept the vast horde London, tapping his fingers of invaders back from conquest for

inspiring memory.

"After the invasion came the wholeertation out of Beigium of the greater sale massacre of August, 1914, when as could crowd into the great church en, who, it is supposed, have been six of her most cherished towns detaken to perform semi-military work stroyed. Even those wounds were not

localities only. Even after them the great mass of Belgians were able to "In substance he said that we all "This is the worst thing that has great mass of Belgians were able to nore dreadful than the burning of her been slaughtered and to live on, hopefully, bathed in the glory of their fied against that deadening depression

"The reaction, as a matter of fact, "It seems to me that this must be by a certain stimulation, akin to that the early Christians felt after the slaughter of their brethren. Belgium felt these sac ifices to be necessary in

"Then began for my poor country

and the stolen factories and machines were Belgium's tools of labor.

"But against this, 100, Belgians were able to react, because of the course followed by the local authorities, who undertook public works to give employment to the idle-works which were not handicapped by the stripping of the factories. Here the National Committee operated in combination with the American Relief Committee and much good was done. Only this achievement enabled Belgium's brave people to resist the pressure through which Germany continually sought to compel the people she had outraged to turn to and work for her subserviently.

"In spite of all the German promises to respect Belgium's national feeling tremendous moral pressure was ex-erted in the effort to suppress it, nor was all the pressure merely First the cahibition of the flag of Belgium was forbiden summarily. Then came an order forbidding any observance of the day of Belgian independence, July 21.
"Perforce the Belgians obeyed these

orders, but they were not discouraged beyond resort to defiant subterfuge. The national colors were displayed, not in the form of bunting, to be sure, for of course bunting would have been pulled down, but, for one example (and there were many as ingenious) in win-dows full of yellow oranges, black rangements showing black, yellow and red. Belgium's national colors. The Belgians, being forbidden to wear ribbons of these colors in their buttonholes, wore in them sprigs of green. the color typifying hope.
"When the national anthem was for-

wan and ill. I never have seen human achievement and was a giorious and bidden to the bands it was played on the church organs. The Belgian spirit "Last July 21 as many loval Belgians

portion of her remaining able bodied 5,000 Belgians were shot and five or in Brussels listened there to the good Cardinal Mercier as he spoke to them. with as his text the Psalm which says: 'By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept.' The great Psaint, service to that enemy who wrecked "They were not national, in one as everybody knows, ends with a stern and tore and devastated their native sense. They directly struck certain cry for vengeance—the world known

appened to Belgium." said he. "It is exait the martyrdom of those who had know the divine command is that we shall love all men, even our enemies. as brothers, but that that does not permit us to set aside the equally divine forbid us to wish that those who com-"For, after all, the deeds which pre- which attends the actual crushing of mit crimes shall for those crimes be

"The great sermon was received with wonderful enthusiasm. Men wept and was not depressant, but accompanied cheered, they jumped on chairs to by a certain stimulation, akin to that wave their handkerchiefs in wild en-This they still could do in refuge of the patriot.

against the measures taken by the some measure to the final victory of we kept up heart. Thus we struggled peared from among us. Each of us measure, ameliorating the situation to this murder of the soul after the ravthe long material and moral pressure field by the fire of the assault upon us. denied: 'If the Germans keep on as selves the most optimistic of the Allies, thing was done. The ingenuity of it exerted against her by the German Our souls triumphed though our bodies.



the great church. It was the last common agony drew us continually close relationship into which we were | "But now Germany has taken the closer one to the other. All class feel- brought by our common misery com- one step which she could take to kill "Thus and in other roundabout ways ing faded and presently quite disappensated for our sufferings in some this soul of Belgium. It is monstrous, that no time for resistance may be against fate to preserve unsulfied that was ready to make all sacrifices to help a certain extent. national spirit which had not been any of us. A great lady in Brussels "Even with regard to the progress destroyed, but instead had been purisaid with truth which could not be of the war we in Brussels found our-

one as would rob her of her heart. To "This period was marked by en- that though the flesh of Belgium of liberty to come; we still were able some as would rob her of her heart. To know that one is blood and bone and brain and soul with heroes is brave brain and soul with heroes is brave.

agement and assassination of the body "Even with regard to the progress of a people.
of the war we in Brussels found our- "Let us consider how the dreadful

an action, but none the less have done so, fighting with their bare

action of the population en masse which such a course would have en-No, they operated slowly, taking town by town and even quarter by quarter in some towns. 'And, too, the Germans feared unfavorable comment from outside. From

Means by Which Sorely Stricken

People Kept Up Heart in Spite

of Continued Disaster

Lille and Roubaix, in France, they had deported in April last 25,000 people en masse, including young girls and the sturdiest of the section's young manhood, intending to enforce on them the baleful work of laboring upon German military projects.
"Doubtless when these ruthless steps

weapons.
"The Germans did not risk that re-

were taken they thought the isolation of the affected cities would prevent the news from penetrating to the outside world. But the news spread very promptly, horror was general throughout the world, the neutral nations, led by that great American, Gerard, protested and such practices were stopped. Lille promptly was repopulated and Mr. Gerard was promised that nothing of the sort again should happen.

"But now it seems that this agreement was another 'scrap of paper.' This, by the way, makes the new deportations a breach of faith with the

American Ambassador.
"If you will examine the three arretes which recently have been enforced in Belgium you will find that each of the last two is stronger than

"The new procedure (which, let me say again, was a breach of faith with the American Ambassador) began upon October 3, and on November 13 between 30,000 and 40,000 people had been taken, or an average of about 1,000 daily. The work started in the military zone, where from four cities that we know (there are other cities from which no news has been permit-ted to percolate) workers have been taken by batches.
"Ostensibly the decrees apply only

to the unemployed. First the Germans try to get the lists of unemployed from the local authorities. Frequently, of course, such lists are refused. If this occurs the 'offending officials' are arrested and their papers seized. If in uch cases the lists cannot be found the Germans take the electoral lists and select at random from them the names of as many men as they desire o seize, without regard to unemploy-

"When even electoral lists cannot be found they seize the people as they come aions indiscriminately upon the greets, without real regard as to whether they are employed or not without regard as to whether they are rich or poor. Never is there shown the slightest feeling for the ties of

local barracks or the nearest prison, where they are roughly organized, and thence they are hurried to the railway stations, where trains are waiting under steam, so given. Wives, mothers, sisters, sweethearts have not been permitted to see these victims for an instant.

"At Mons, where the women carried bundles of clothes and food to their dear ones as soon as they learned that Dur souls triumphed though our bodies they are going they will transform when bad news came we knew it to be had been vanquished.

Belgium into a nation of saints.'

"We could still live up to King "We still were able now and then to through we knew that before it gather and indulge in little dreams reached us it had been minimized.

There was no sudden arrest of 100.—

they had been seized, they were not even permitted to take them to the probably would apply simple they had been seized, they had been permitted to take them to the neighborhood of the railway station. "Belgium throughout till recently cal if futile revolution. The Belgiums The ensigned men were deported with-

"No one knows texcept the Germans) just where the laden trains have been sent, but those who have seen them pass report in various ways that Germany, some have gone southward and then had turned on them and while most of them have travelled into and a few even toward Verdun. The transportation of the prisoners in that direction can mean only that they are to be put to military work.

"Through letters dropped from the trains and smuggled out we have dismen have been kept without food for therefrom. three days and that although this haptheir courage as they have travelled. And trainloads have been heard pass-

that the victims never will work for

"It is unbelievably clever, this last I we work ever at per in the Kellermann picture is the working slowly, a little at a time, in separated sections.

"But it has crept steadily along until it has passed the military zone, to light, will be looking at it. til it has passed the military zone, by of the theatre there is. Two dollar stuff, that, but it didn't reaching even as far as Antwerp, and picture of this charming half the cheerful and talkative Miss as we are talking it is believed that the kidnappers are about to descend "Miss Kellermann hasn't the most upon Loos and Brussels. It is almost o resp the High Cost of Ly- perfect form I have ever seen," she certain that before this article can reach America the people of these and into Germany to work at any to "W-w-w-what's that?" demanded other Belgian cities will have fallen name for the picture, but it has Thompson, and Herbert almost turned victims to this newest torture which

"The pledge against the seizure of

the box office not even a Salou. But Venus is surrayed like a patient at Bayers was allowed to go back to her the very decree prefacing this latest horror, has not been regarded by the from the dreadful consequences There are others who have ideas victorious but hitherto not wholly conquering Germans, for in some cases it On West 169th street there is a they have selzed indiscriminately every where nobody could find it there and gather before it every day with lady's maid whose name shall, be with- man whom they could find who apheld. She has written Mr. Thompson parently was strong enough to do man-Of course it is only a matter of the following note in her own beauti- nal labor. Never, indeed, so far as I the glorious work which they can learn, bus there been made the The young folk are all students at "DKM Sm: Just a few lines to tell least distinction between employed and the recent slave raids. The familiary In the Salon daily are from twenty- the various art schools throughout the you that I am just as perfect as An- intemployed. Further, the system of these workmen who are sent five to thirty young artists and their city, and they are copying this picture notic Kellermann and I am only is enslavement has been used as a

ease's. Each one is endeavoring to win for effects in light and shade. The the moving picture screen and I never patriots, for in some instances physical lea's help. One-third of the large the first prize, which amounts to one light is furnished by the Edison com- did and I'm all alone in the world and weaklings coted for their patriotism population would have died of the You have have been ruthlessly torn from their tion by now but for America's They are all healthy young people, a young gentleman of color who is never saw me before. And I think I friends and families and borne away. America had taken the fields in I who look as though they are used to the major dome of the looky and a am just as perfect but I khow it is not. "Various procedures are followed. In lation under her special tateless."

From the men who gather in enforced America to-day and wonder ... compliance with such proclamations great friend will save her from choice is made by military men, who sometimes take one-half, sometimes saved her two years ago from two-thirds of those who come. In nightmare of famine."

hands if they had found no other other instances arrests have been made secretly in the victims' nomes.
"Of course our fear is that this lates:

and most dreadful method of attack on Belgium may cause some irreparable harm. The last thing left to Belgium has been her honor, and how can that be kept unsullied if these men are taken in small groups or singly and when in strange surround ings, encircled by their foes, are ordered to labor for the enemy? Can we expect of every Belgian that sublime ortitude which would enable him to endure martyrdom and never vietar

which it has been attempted to enforce labor upon Belgians. We know that hunger and exposure have been inflicted as penalties for disobedience We find on record cases of men kept three days and nights without food or drink because they refused labor to their nation's enemies "Even when such methods have been

pursued those who have yielded have been hissed and contemned by their indomitable fellows, but those fellows were close at hand. "These new victims have no fel-

lows, or but few, when they are subjected to the test. Those episodes were in Beigium itself. These new measures take the men far from their friends "Our fear is that they will not be able to endure. Ask yourself if it is

possible. Could the average Frenchman, the average Englishman or the average American resist alone and "To me the German plan seems very

clear. It has leaked out that their purpose is to depose King Albert and substitute for him a German Prince in Belgium, and to make this possible. to obtain complete control of Belgium, they evidently feel that they must deport all her ablebodied men and such women as they wish-must deport at Beglium's citizenship who would be likely to offer any serious opposition to the final breaking up of Belgium as

"The Germans doubtless believe that once these patriots are out of the way it will be possible to dismiss all Belgians who still are in authority, provincial and communal, only the na tional Government (which has gone to Havre) remaining beyond their reach, They doubtless plan to reorganize the country upon German lines as soon as all this is accomplished without being continually foiled by an unbending opposition from the nation's remaining

"It is interesting to note that them measures coincide with an access of severity to Belgian prisoners in Ger many. An instance of this new severity is found in the experience of M. Max, who was Burgomaster of Brus sels when seized. He was first taken to a fortress, then to a prison camp, and now has been removed to an isolated place near Potsdam. He never has been tried

"Now let us consider the rights and wrongs of this new deportation of en-slavement plan. For every other crime against poor Belgium Germany could invent some manner of excuse or ole extenuating circumstances. She could say, for instance, that if she myaded Belgium she was obliged to do so it self-defence for superior military read sons. Even when she massacred hand Belgians and sacked and burned Relgian cities she could put forward as excuse invented legends of myster ous francs tireurs who had assai-

"At least some, and probably a ma-jority, of the German soldiery in Relgium quite believed the tales they were told that Belgium at the time of the war's outbreak first had granted German troops free passage fought them.

crops and raw materials were taken the action was excused by the facthat as Germany permitted the per lation to be fed by America that try at least might gain some benefit

"Even when Belgian foodstuffs

"But this new crime surpasses the bounds of human imagination and is impossible of excuse even by the German phrasemakers. It is unfull fled by the only two possible excus-Miss Kellermann is starring in "A it is, but it is probably several hun-Belgian national hymn, in final de-lance of the enemy. "Some of the dropped letters are any danger that the food supplied to Belgium by the Commission for Re ... would stop. It could not be justified

evidence to disprove the first conten tion which Germany will make to actrals when she begins her inevitable excuses for this crime. She will say and enslaved Belgians upon nutrary work, thereby making them in effect take up arms against their own countrymen and the Allies.

"Note that at Bruges Helgians already have been compelled to build trenches; that near Tournaix Belgins already have been compelled to work that the seized Belgians have been seen on trains going toward Verdi and that every Relgian who is take whatever, military or non-military at once releases there a German who then thite. Lese majeste rampant. is sapping the great soul of my dear may be sent to the front to fight and a more beauti-

all feel for what America has done Belgium. During the first days of occupation she was able to our her magnificent work of relat most generous and practical Wa-

German invasion, she know how that we cannot appeal to them present misery without hesitation "Still we cannot help feeling too! undertaken is directly threatens German mines or toward the !

Beigians are turning their eyes to new form of spiritual statisation 1

have been vanquished by overwhelm- work without tools? And the money that for a long time was true. Our devious and unpreventable ways. The feet and complete NKING UP MILTON, ART AND ANNETTE KELLER

Haste thee, Nymph, and bring with thee Jest and youthful Jollity. Quips and Cranks and wanton Wiles. Nods and Becks and Wreathed Smiles, Such as hang on Hebe's check And love to live in dimple sleek.

AR be it from us to claim authorship of these lines. Literature is unlike politics in that you cannot get away with the swag after stealing it. Anyhow, if we did, it would be just like some low browed busybody to come along and ask us what said lines mean and then we would have to exit, registering chagrin.

Milton, a regular poet, who once lost a pair of dice or something, gave went to those lines one pleasant afternoon when he had been led home from the automat to resume work on his "L'Allegro." They were writ several years before Annette Kellermann was born-we hope; but Bill Thompson, the blase and heartless press agent, has made them fit Annette. It wasn't a difficult task. It is easy to fit anything to Annette, who is a perfect thutty-six -- circumference. y'understand, not age.

Annette locks well in anything. In please. Let's hurry along. Billy Suna flimsy thing like a poem she looks day'll get us if we don't watch out. world." Thus do press representatives hast thou on thy hip. O Wise Man of paint the lily and gild the Italian sun- Hellas?" set. It's a hard life, at that.

defy the alligator. Suffice it to say illustrious neighbor?" that Annette is "most perfect" enough "swallows," replied Erysipelas, to attract about two hundred earnest blithely. and willing young amateur artists to Thus began the mental decline of

Salon. Get it right, please. Sa'on. Venizelos revolution possible. Erystpelas, the celebrated old Greek tors. philosopher, used to say, there's a. We are as awkward with this Art



especially well. Milton's lines are per- But before he comes we have got to fect. So are Annette's. In fact Mr. get this one out of our system. This Thompson, the dauntless press agent. same old philosopher. Erysipelas, used wipes out the whole English grammar to carry his flask in the hip pocket of in one fell swoop and announces that his toga or his Father Hubbard, as it they are "the most perfect in the were. One day a neighbor said: "What

"I hast my bird cage on my hip," re-And he may be right. We are in joined the philosopher, pifficatedly. ne position to deny the allegation or "What keepest thou in thy bird cage.

the Lobby Salon at the Lyric Theatre. Greece which has finally made the

not Saloon. There's a difference. In Another difference is this. In a salon a Salon they paint the swallow. In we find regular artists, while in a Saa Saloon they swallow the paint. As loon we find only the interior decora-

heap of difference between hiding the stuff as a one armed man trying to brew and brewing the hide. Too deep? book his wife up the back, but as All right, step forward in the siste, Henry James so truthfully said: "If

you would learn how to swim jump. into deep water. So here uses Look around you and locate the fire cuits before the performance begins.

box office. Nothing ever comes before | geom the Salon is not so far away from the Believue who is about to be operated ease. street that it cannot be seen by pass- upon for the removal of something imersby. If the Salon should be hidden portant, wouldn't be any sense in having one, their easels. The beans would be permanently form, but what of that? spilled.

hundred perfectly good from men. pany and the shade by Herbert Smith. I am working as a maid.

the scrattily whisker. But they are all | meet to decide upon the winner.

though it would get by the rensors. Daughter of the Gods," a screen play, dred thousand a week.

his Coldes cole trated soldfish.

I are her coming toward us free, and we said. of totalednes we would ling on tiptoe and reaching Bayers.

the fall and capture one of continued. and as at least temporarily and we white. Lese majeste rampant. permanently.

of this meture "Ready for the Sur- more stately." For in the picture the diving

The lendding young artists love it

who look as though they are used to great friend of all the lookyists. When a nice thing to say Yours Respectively a some cases a public proclamation is care. In every store of the tend of all the lookyists. When a nice thing to say Yours Respectively issued bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of Relief the American flag is said bidding all men above 18 who sion of gry and none wears the flowing tie or hidden away until the judges shall offerings in crayen, oils or pastel a certain hour in a certain place.

young artists. They haven't been in names and see if you can keep them the business long.

And now can some good little boy or ert Henri, Prince Troubetzkoy, Wal
So why linger longer in the Salon?

to I P M and from 5 P. M. to 8 P. M. aw right. We'll try another one.

If you want to see the finest dive in New York but that doesn't sound as old. The art microbe seems to stick.

works in the Salon Sundays only. One three days and that although this happens and they are left entirely exposed to rain and cold they have kept up They all agree that Annette has a fine figure. We don't know how much

but we don't see why they call it that.

Anothe doesn't use a screen during the cutire doesn't use a screen during the cutire performance. Eight out in that Miss Kellermann hasn't the "most pathetic to the last degree, declaring the case of the screen declaring that the control of the contr the open all the time, without any perfect figure" she has ever seen. the Siberian New what do you think of that? She Germany and ending with Long live by any other conceivable fistion wentlish down at the Aquarium or said it right in the presence of Bill King Albert!' Unquestionably such deflance is the general intention of the

film to produce this parture. If they Fannie Bayers, a student at the New they have been isolated and find themmake a few more partures like it there. York School of Fine and Applied Arts, selves singly or in little groups at the will be a colour familie in Indiana. And she confided to us that she ex-mercy of their captors? feminine salamarine, pects some day to become a great on dive and stay under longer artist. She said the hardest thing to action of the Germans. It is insidious,

ore the performance begins.

It with down to Broadway and Forty- Miss Kellermann inspires us. She has made for the deportation of at least lobby of the Lyric Theatre behind the second riveet, we would call the little perhaps more magnetism. She is 300,000 Belgian men.

upon the form question too.

fut but slightly un-Websterian fiet:

And the judges. Conjure with these. But we have discovered another dif-

Ledenu and W J. Glackens. Moss Kellermann has been enter- The competitors do not work every faming the public for some time in day, but only as they find it con-divers ways. "Tut tut," say you? Oh, venient. One of them, an elevator boy, men have been kept without food for

It took forty two miles of celluloid. This brave young woman is Miss men, but can they sustain it after

"Why bother about that? Nobody

or course that helped some, and Miss employed men, which was included in